

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 9, 2005 has been carefully considered. Claims 1-51 were considered and remain in the Application. As a preliminary matter, we note a Power of Attorney change has been previously filed with a new correspondence address. We ask that this be acknowledged in the next action.

In the Office Action, the Patent Examiner asserted an election of species requirement between the asserted following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: species 1 of FIGS. 1-13; species 2 of FIGS. 14-24; and species 3 of FIGS. 25-35. By way of this response, Applicant herewith elects a third species of FIGS. 25-35, which the Examiner characterized as being drawn to an adaptor plate having a quick release snap securing means.

For ready reference, it is pointed out that this third species also discloses corresponding snaps (245 and 247) as well as a spring loaded lock actuator 218. Additionally it is pointed out that this embodiment also includes a plate that can be bolted onto a router as shown, for example, in FIG. 33. Finally, as shown, the adapter plate of this embodiment includes a central opening much like the other embodiments that can receive a guide bushing 12 as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, for example, although that is not shown in FIGS. 25-35.

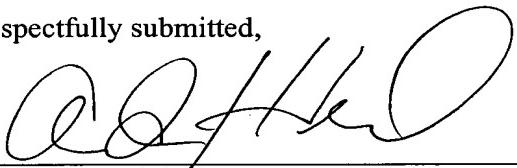
In light of these comments, Applicant herewith includes identification of the claims readable on the third species of FIGS. 25-35 which include the following claims: 1-11, 13, 15-16, 18-39, 43, and 45-51. As Applicant has listed all of the claims readable on the species, Applicant has therefore fully responded to the election of species requirement. Applicant is hopeful a generic claim will be allowed such that it will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species provided in the independent claims.

It is also pointed out for the Examiner's ready reference that Applicant has filed a supplemental IDS herewith. Since the first Office Action was not on the merits but only procedural, it is believed no fee is due for that (although authorization is provided for a fee if necessary).

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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